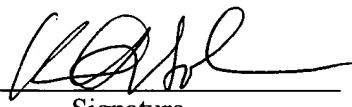


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This is filed as a Preliminary Amendment concurrently with the above-referenced national stage filing of PCT/GB00/00913. It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims as described below be entered into the case and that the amended claims be examined on the merits.

In the Claims

The claims of the application have been amended herein as indicated in the following marked up copies of the claims: